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## THE PROBLEM:

The panfish population has been decreasing over the past years in Middle Eau Claire Lake, Bayfield County. Bluegill and Crappies, in particular, have been impacted.

This problem may be the result of the disappearance of vegetative habitat, due to the presence of a large population of Rusty Crayfish in that lake.

At present, the daily limit for panfish in Middle Eau Claire Lake is 25, with a possession limit of 50.

Whereas, the declining numbers of panfish in Middle Eau Claire Lake has prompted the Eau Claire Lakes Conservation Club to propose a daily bag limit of 10 and a possession limit of 20. An exception to this would be the Yellow Perch, which are present in large numbers. Their limits should be left at the present limit of 25 daily and 50 in possession. This would allow for the remaining fish to increase their numbers.

Whereas, the vegetation in Middle Eau Claire Lake is being destroyed by the Rusty Crayfish, resulting in the declining panfish population, therefore

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress, at its' annual meeting held at Bayfield County Court House, Washburn, Wisconsin on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources take action to change panfish bag and possession limits in the Middle Eau Claire Lake, Bayfield County, leaving Yellow Perch limits at the present levels.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate.) Yes 49 No 2